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My Ever Dear Friend:

It was with very great pleasure that I received your kind notice of me of the 12th of November. You do me but justice in believing that I entertain the same views as I ever did in regard to that dreadful curse, the System of Southern Slavery, as it has existed And been practised in the Great Southern Section of our Country, And which we are combating in the present war. That System, in my judgment, most entirely embodies the cruelty of Molock, the bestiality of Belial, and the avarice of Mammon, And while with you and others I entertain the same views as to its enormity, I entertain the hope, and I believe I may nay say the expectation, that GOD is about to bring this dreadful enormity, a sin which next to the Crucifixion of the Savior, I esteem the most heinous ever committed by any of the human race, to a Speedy And final end.

I might almost say that I regret that the infirmity of eighty years pilgrimage on earth has made me unable to attend the Coming meeting of the Anti Slavery

Society, but I am almost totally blind, and it might well be supposed, that trembling on the Extreme verge of four score years, I perceive myself, that the powers and faculties of my Mind, such as they were, have so far failed as to render me incapable of doing any more for the benefit of the cause which you have so ably advocated, that of the total abolition of Slavery in our Country.

I shall not probably live to see the total destruction of this Accursed System, but feel assured that it must soon take place, And that I now see those Glimpses of it Approaching And, which enable me with Confidence to say, "Lord now lettest thou thy Servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen of thy Salvation, the Glory of the people of God and the returning happiness of our suffering Country, in the firm Establishment And perpetuity of our free institutions

With Sentiments of the most Cordial Esteem,
I am, in the Sacred Cause of liberty & humanity,
truly and faithfully Your friend,
Samuel Hazeldine

To William Lloyd Garrison

lowing letters, were read dur

e meeting:

From Mrs. Samuel Fessend

P.S. I am, by reason of ~~Sundries~~, obliged to make use of my Sons hand to write this letter

S. F.

Hon. Samuel Pedeerden,
Portland,
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